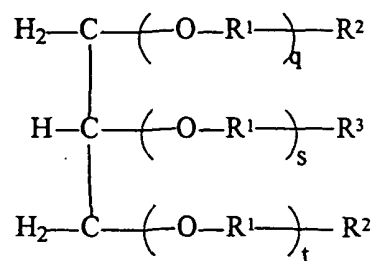


Please substitute the attached substitute pages 26-28 for pages 26-33 in the application. Furthermore, in the attached substitute pages, claims 1 and 20 are amended to more clearly identify the invention. Claims 11-19 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-10 have not been amended. For the convenience of the Authorized Officer, the claim amendments are set forth below as follows:

1. (Amended) A free-radical curable composition which is washable and self-emulsifiable upon mixing with water comprising:

(a) a curable glycerol composition having the formula:

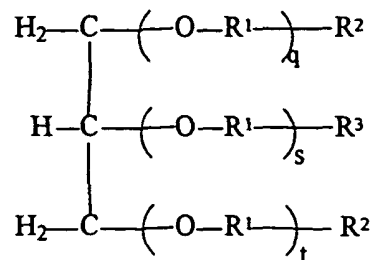


wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkyl or combinations thereof; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, (meth)acrylate and combinations thereof; q, s and t are independently from about 0 to about 35; provided that at least one of said R<sup>2</sup> is said (meth)acrylate; at least one q, s or t, is not zero and that at least one of said R<sup>1</sup> is unsubstituted ethyl or unsubstituted propyl; and

(b) a free radical initiator to initiate cure of said composition.

20. (Amended) A method of anaerobically or thermally sealing a porous article comprising:

(a) selecting a curable glycerol composition having the formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alkyl or combinations thereof; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, (meth)acrylate and combinations thereof; q, s and t are independently from about 0 to about 35; provided that at least one of said R<sup>2</sup> is said (meth)acrylate; at least one q, s or t, is not zero and that at least one of said R<sup>1</sup> is unsubstituted ethyl or unsubstituted propyl; and

- (b) selecting a free radical initiation to initiate curing of said curable glycerol;
- (c) impregnating pores of said article with said curable glycerol and said initiator, and
- (d) washing said curable glycerol from a surface of said article in a wash tank containing an aqueous solution.

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to further clarify that which Applicants regard as their invention. It is submitted that none of the amendments constitute new matter under Rule 70.2(c). In view of these amendments and remarks below, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

The Authorized Officer has alleged that claims 1-10 and 20 lack novelty and inventive step as being anticipated or obvious over DeMarco (U.S. Patent No. Re 32,240) on the basis that DeMarco discloses or teaches the curable composition of the present invention. Applicants respectfully traverse.